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MODERN PROVERBS.

Old Saws Reset to a Nineteenth Century Gauge by the Mail and Breeze.



TRAIN up your son in the way that he should go. It seems as if it would be easy to do this—with some other man's son.

Many a man has been bribed and never knew it.

No man knows for sure whether he is honest or not until he has been tempted.

Now, if the man who enjoys spending money only knew how to make it how this world would hum.

It doesn't generally break a boy of lying to lick him for it, but it makes him tell a smoother one next time.

Say not my son that you can not be flattered. The man does not live who can not be flattered, if you only know how to go at him.

The successful politician is the man who can work another man and at the same time make the other man think he is working him.

It seems like a pity to some of us some times that the good Lord should have made so many reformers who seem to have so little good horse sense.

All things are said to come to him who waits. This, however, is a lie, we have ourselves waited for half a day for fish to bite and have never got a nibble.

When we hear a man boasting in public that he can't be bought, we quote him at anywhere from \$5 to \$25, according as the market is dull or active.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown. Still, if we should be offered a crown with a good salary attached we don't know that we would throw it over our shoulder.

We have once in a while, heard a man declare he was the Lord's representative when we privately thought if he was telling the truth it was mighty tough on the Almighty.

One of the most trifling men we ever knew never had less than three dogs—but we never thought from the looks of the dogs that they were to blame for his having nothing.

Doth the wild ass bray when he hath fodder? He doth not—and that is where the wild ass shows more sense than the man who growls and grumbles when he has a good job.

It availeth a man but little to be worth a million when his liver has ceased to do business, and a stomach that will digest any sort of provender is more to be desired than fine gold.

Some way or other when we see a young man and a young woman going down street and both chewing gum, we think they ought to marry and save spoiling two families.

All men do not have their price, but the individuals who can't be swayed a little by an appeal, either to their ambition or their pockets, are about as scattering as righteous men in Sodom.

Once in a while a man thinks he is called to preach the gospel, when, as a matter of fact, the only trouble with him is that he is too lazy to work. Of course, this has no reference to any preachers in Kansas.

Be not stuck on yourself over much and on the other hand don't fall into the idea that you cut no figure in the world. Of the two men the one who thinks himself a corker will cut more ice than the man who figures himself a cipher.

How about the city election next month? Have we no patriotic citizens willing and anxious to throw themselves into the aldermanic or school board seats and devote one evening of each month to looking after city interests? So far we have not heard the chirp of a single candidate.

A young German whose girl refused to marry him called at a drug store and said to the clerk: "I was tired of life. Give me some poison and I will kill myself." Drug clerk (jocularly) "All right; what do you want—arsenic or strychnine?" German: "Vieh is sheapest?"

LOCAL NOTES.

One week in which to register.

Sleighbells were ringing again last Saturday.

The DEMOCRAT and School Visitor one year for \$1.10.

The Beacon got out a very creditable extra edition last week.

Dick Glissman says: "You just kick de bucket—I'll do the rest."

The next state irrigation association will be held in Great Bend this fall.

New, bulk garden seeds, at half former prices. A. R. MOSS.

I am long on corn. Short on hogs. How are you? A. L. MILLER. tf

The enthusiasts are again talking baseball. And we hope it will not all be talk.

Little Miss Clara Kanzer of Ellinwood visited her sister Frances in this city last week.

Lo, the poor Indian, whose untutored mind, clothes him before and leaves him bare behind.

Fred Dawson, of Dodge City, was down to see the folks last week, before their removal to Colorado.

FOR RENT—40 acres of land; South side. Good terms to right party. Address: Box 135, Great Bend.

Newt Smith, of Pawnee Rock, made a business visit to Kansas City Thursday and Friday of last week.

The King of Belgium is reported to be very hard up. Shake, old fellow. Blamed if we don't know just how you feel.

John Cook returned home, last Friday, from Hot Springs, Ark., having received no benefit from his sojourn there.

Full proceedings of the populist county convention in the DEMOCRAT this week—and it is not an extra edition either.

The late snow won't do a thing but go right into the ground and encourage the young and ambitious wheat roots to do their best.

Now the timid doubting suitor may, by Prof. Roentgen's art, before he starts to speak discover whether she has a marble heart.

F. B. Greene, Agt. for American Steam Laundry, of Hutchinson, sends his basket on Tuesday evening and has it back Saturday a. m.

Plenty of old papers to put under carpets and on shelves is the neat housekeepers delight. Get them at this office at 20 cents a hundred.

Will the party who picked up the light colored cottonflannel laprobe, last Saturday, near the Fair block, return it to the DEMOCRAT office?

The populist state convention to select delegates from Kansas to the national convention at St. Louis was held at Hutchinson yesterday, the 18th.

J. R. Hayes, of Centerville Iowa is here for a week or two, looking after his farming lands. Mr. Hayes and family lived here during boom times.

The American Steam Laundry, of Hutchinson, does repair work free—and guarantees satisfaction. Give them a trial. F. B. GREENE, Agt.

Conrad Rach came up from Rice county last week, to again make his home in Barton county. Rumor has it that it will not much longer be a bachelor's hall, either.

About three weeks ago a fine baby girl came to the home of Valentine Kramer, near Dubuque. We mention this late in the day because Val is still celebrating the event.

Hornbeck, at the old Beye stand has the best grades of apples and sells at the lowest market prices. See him before buying. Also fresh cider and cider vinegar always on hand.

When thinking of laying in your supply of spring seeds remember that the Great Bend Implement Co. will have a complete stock of the FRESHEST seeds, from the best houses, for sale at hard times prices. tf

—Clarence Brumbaugh returned from Chanute last week.

FOR RESUBMISSION.

Personal Letters From Mayors of Several Kansas Towns.



IN REPLY to a request sent out by the Topeka Mail and Breeze of a recent date a number of the mayors of Kansas cities sent in letters with reasons why they were or were not in favor of submitting to a vote of the people the prohibition question.

A number of the replies offer weak and foolish reasons why the people should not be trusted to indicate by their votes what their desires are; but a number of others give their reasons why the voters SHOULD have an opportunity to express themselves. Among the latter we find the following:

Atchison, Kan., Feb. 25.—Arthur Capper, Esq., Topeka Kansas, Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of the 22d, asking me to inform you whether or not I am "in favor of resubmission of the prohibitory amendment and give my reason why."

In reply would say that I am in favor of a resubmission of the prohibitory amendment, for the following reasons:

First—I believe that fifteen years experience under the present prohibitory law in this state has demonstrated to the satisfaction of all conservative people that it is not the best temperance measure.

Second—I believe that the amendment would never have been adopted had the people who voted for it realized that its enforcement would be so difficult, and that it would not limit the evil of intemperance to the minimum.

As a practical temperance man, and believer in and advocate of the cause of temperance in this state, I voted for the prohibitory amendment, believing at the time that it was the best temperance measure that could be devised, and have since carefully observed its operation, and I am satisfied that the cause of temperance has been set back many years in the state of Kansas by the adoption of this amendment.

Third—The enforcement of the law in the larger cities has proven a failure and the state of Kansas, by reason of the attempted enforcement of the law, has been advertised all over the country as being in the control of cranks who have no interest in the welfare of the state, but that their only end and ambition is to impress upon the people some "ism" or idea to that end, that they might add to their own glorification rather than subserve the public good. The attempted enforcement of this law has driven from the state of Kansas many good and reputable citizens, and its enactment has prevented the location in the state of thousands and thousands of people, who would have aided materially in developing the resources of this state.

Fourth—The enforcement of the prohibitory law is advocated by many republicans who I personally know do not believe in the law itself. They advocate its enforcement to subserve political ends, and not to accomplish any good for the public at large. It is not difficult to find many advocates of the enforcement of this law in the various cities of the state, who have no sympathy with the cause of temperance, and who do not "practice what they preach," except in public meetings and conventions, when they are speaking for the benefit of the galleries. The result of this has been to encourage and build up an army of political hypocrites, and hypocrisy is condemned by the Bible as much as intemperance.

Fifth—If you can secure an amendment to the constitution of this state prohibiting hypocrisy, and enact proper laws for its enforcement, I will heartily co-operate in any such movement. If such a law could be adopted and enforced, it would be productive of more good than the prohibitory liquor law and its attempted enforcement have been.

I believe in temperance, and believe that the evils of intemperance have become a great curse to our nation; but in my judgement, after a careful con-

sideration of the matter for several years, the people of Kansas have made a mistake in adopting the prohibition amendment, and from the point of view of an advocate of temperance, I believe that the sooner the question is resubmitted to the people, the better it will be, not only for the state of Kansas, but for the cause of temperance itself. Yours truly, B. P. WAGGENER.

Olathe, Kan., March 2.—I am not opposed to resubmitting the prohibitory amendment to the people, for the reason that I believe it is always safe to submit all great questions to the people, but if submitted I shall vote for prohibition. A. E. MOLL.

Glena, Kan., Feb. 29.—I am heartily in favor of resubmitting the prohibitory amendment, for the reason that it has not been enforced successfully. WILLIAM SMITH.

Oswego, Kan., Feb. 27.—In reply to your inquiry of the 24th inst. asking whether or not I am in favor of a resubmission of the prohibitory amendment, I will say that the present law does not prohibit, but has a tendency to make free and unlimited whiskey. The tree can only be judged by the fruit it produces. The figure two does not make four, but add another two the sum is equivalent to four. Prohibition does not mean free whiskey, but to enforce or try to enforce the same the result is before us.

J. B. MONTGOMERY, Mayor.

Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 26.—In reply to your communication I will say most emphatically yes. My reasons are: 1st—To permanently settle the question. 2d—I believe in the people being heard from upon all important subjects. 3d—Its absolute divorce for politics. I am a republican and I am opposed to having the prohibitory law grafted in our party platform year after year. We might, with equal propriety, make the fifteenth amendment to the constitution one of the cardinal doctrines of the party. C. A. FISHER, Mayor.

Cherryvale, Kan., Feb. 26.—Yes, sir, I am in favor of a resubmission of the prohibitory amendment. Why? I believe in the majority rule, and I do believe a majority of the people of the state wish to do away with it, for it is a fraud, as it is, and I think it is to the best interest of the state that we should wipe it out. You can not prohibit the average Kansas by force, but only by education and training. JOHN T. COLDEWELL, MAYOR.

Horton, Kan., Feb. 25.—Arthur Capper, Editor of the Topeka Mail: In answer to yours of the 24th inst. will say that I am in favor of resubmission of the prohibitory amendment, my reasons are that the prohibitory law is a farce and makes liars and perjurers. I approve of a high license with local option, similar to the Nebraska law, with strict restrictions. JAS. C. WALLACE, Mayor of Horton, Kan.

South Heizer Feed Mill. We have opened a feed mill in South Heizer, and are now ready to do all kinds of grinding, for the farmers of this locality. Make corn meal and chop feed. WILL and FRED WITTE.

A young Kansas lady was sitting with her lover in a charmingly decorated recess. On her knee was a diminutive niece. In the adjoining room, with the door wide open, was the rest of the company. Says the little niece in a jealous and very audible voice: "Auntie, kiss me too." I leave you to imagine what had just happened. "You should say twice, Ethel dear, two is not grammar," was the immediate rejoinder. Clever girl that!

We want to close out our stock of stoves, and are offering them at actual cost to us. You cannot afford to let this opportunity pass to get a good stove at cost. This is no catch advertisement, but we mean business. Great Bend Implement Co..

Gus Schaeffer, Bob Allison, Fred Zutavern, Billy Cole, and J. M. Donley are talked of for councilman in the 3d ward. George Kincaid will undoubtedly succeed himself.

SHOOTING SCRAPE.

Nobody Hit, But a Close Call For Two Young Men.



A YOUNG tough giving the name of John Little came to town some days ago, having with him a female companion. He filled up on what Kansas says he shant, and when in a state of hilarity not always permitted to go unnoticed went into Frank Dell's saloon, Friday, and was so abusive Frank took a fall out of him and threw him out of the door. He next went into Nick Dick's saloon. Nick was not in but his son was, besides several bystanders. Little wanted to borrow a dollar on a gun he had, but Dick refused to negotiate, having seen Little with a roll of bills and knowing that the statement of his being dead broke lacked foundation in fact. At this refusal Little became angered and flourished the revolver about, suddenly sending a shot across the counter right between Dick and Frank Howell. The latter started for the door, when Little called a halt, threatening to perforate his hide if he moved. The shot he fired passed only about a foot from Dick and Howell.

Marshall Ewalt happened along about this time and took the young tough in charge. Saturday he was tried in police court and fined \$18, which he says he cannot pay. When being taken to jail he broke away and led a large crowd quite a foot race before he was captured. He doubtless would have escaped had not parties got after him on horseback.

Variety show every night this week. Powder and shot at cost.

A. R. MOSS. Register of Deeds Kline is now living in the Schermerhorn property, 1st ward.

March along with that other snow storm, and then let's get to making garden.

FOR SALE—10 pounds of fresh picked geese and duck feathers. Enquire at this office.

A whole lot more of "the beautiful" came to bless mother earth Tuesday afternoon and night.

Tuesday was St. Patrick's Day, and a number of the young bloods were "Wearing of the green."

Highest market price paid for butter and eggs, in exchange for goods at cost. A. R. MOSS.

Democratic committeemen should remember the meeting of the committee on March 28th, a week from next Saturday.

Mrs. A. West was recently made happy by the addition to her house furnishings of a handsome new \$400 piano.

The Heizer creamery got their first shipment of the summer supply of ice, this week, from the Hutchinson manufactory.

Henry F. Miller, of near Heizer, has home grown, Early Ohio seed potatoes for sale. See them at the Great Bend Implement Co.

Chess Nichols is so well liked by the patrons of Will Merritt's skimming station at Nekomo that they petitioned Mr. Merritt to let him remain at that post.

Lost—Thursday, March 12th, a Pocket Book; silver plate on side with the name "Rowell;" contained wheat checks. Finder will please leave same at C. Samuels.

Did you know Elwood Freyberger had a young brother here? Quite a boyish looking fellow, with a voice somewhat like Elwood's. The young lad was in town Monday.

A young Kansas girl about two weeks old has not yet had her name in this paper. She will soon be old enough to name, and Don D. Dodge, whom she will call dandy is now looking up an appropriate name for her. Don and wife are both doing well.